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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : John Scott LLOYD, et al.	)	
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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING NUCLEIC	)	
ACID TARGET SEQUENCES	)	
INVOLVING IN VITRO	)	
TRANSCRIPTION FROM AN RNA	)	
POLYMERASE PROMOTER	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute the following amended versions of claims 4, 5, 8-11, 13-15 and 17 for the corresponding original claims.

4. (Amended) A complex according claim 1, comprising a functional double stranded T3, T7 or SP6 RNA polymerase promoter.